Federal Facilities On-Line Environmental Compliance Status Report (ECSR) Pilot Web Site Fact Sheet

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The US Environmental Protection Agency's Federal Facilities Enforcement Office (FFEO) is seeking comment from government agency users about its new pilot on-line version of the Environmental Compliance Status Report (ECSR). The On-line ECSR enables federal agencies to research, track and monitor the environmental compliance history and current status of regulated federal facilities from a single point of access. Now EPA employees, registered federal, state, local and tribal government agencies can view and analyze inspection, enforcement and compliance data that has been entered into EPA's national database systems and query data by federal agency, EPA region and state. FFEO will accept comments through COB January 31, 2003.

Who can use the On-line ECSR?

The On-line ECSR was designed to help federal agency facility managers, agency headquarters personnel and other federal, state, tribal and local government organizations instantly access environmental compliance information on federal facilities that are regulated by EPA and the states. The On-line ECSR is available as a partnership site on EPA's highly successful Online Tracking Information System (OTIS), which is a web-based electronic information system providing facility specific information on inspections, enforcement and compliance data (See http://www.epa.gov/idea/otis).

To use OTIS and/or the On-line ECSR, a one time user registration is required, and no username or password is necessary. Non-registered users can obtain instructions and register at www.epa.gov/idea/otis/register by selecting the link: Obtaining Gov't Access/Registering for OTIS. The site also lists agencies that have already registered. Similar to OTIS, the data shown in the On-line ECSR is from EPA's national enforcement and compliance databases including:

- the Clean Air Act Air Facility Subsystem
- the Clean Water Act Permit Compliance System (PCS)
- the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information System (RCRAInfo)
- the Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS).

What are the key features of the On-line ECSR?

The On-line ECSR allows the users to perform analytical queries that result in customized reports providing a variety of environmental information over a wide range of compliance and enforcement time frames. Key features of the tool include:

- Federal Facility Inventories
 - Search for all facilities in EPA's national database that are administered by a specific federal agency (Simply use the dropdown menu at the top of the site

home page, select an agency or operating unit under the agency and click on the *Search* button).

o Inventories can be sorted by federal agency, EPA region, or state.

• Compliance Status Reporting

- Allows users to view a list of facilities for a specific federal agency which are currently in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) or have been in SNC during any quarter over the last two years.
- Allows users to view facilities that have received any violations over that two years.
- Reports identify the type of violation incurred, and the affected permit or pertinent media area (e.g, CWA, CAA, RCRA).

• Inspections and Enforcement Actions Reporting

- Users can query the database for facilities that have been inspected by EPA and the states or subject to EPA and state enforcement actions during the last five years.
- Reports identify inspection type, outcomes (actions) resulting from inspections, and penalties associated with final enforcement actions.

• At-A-Glance Facility Reports

- O All queries generate a comprehensive, comparative and easy-to-read *Federal Facility Compliance and Enforcement Statistics Report* that informs the user, from one page or screen, about pertinent compliance data related to each listed facility including number and type of permits at the facility, days since last inspection, quarters in noncompliance over the last two years, whether the facility is currently in SNC, formal enforcement actions over the last five years and penalties assessed against the facility from any formal enforcement actions.
- Each facility listed on the query-generated reports allows the user to view a greater level of detail from a *Detailed Facility Report* feature.

• Detailed Facility Reports

Each facility listed on user-generated reports is linked to an OTIS/IDEA Detailed Facility Report that provides a wealth of facility-specific information including: facility demographics and geographical setting, permits and EPA ID numbers, inspection and enforcement data summaries, compliance summaries, facility two-year compliance status by quarter, formal enforcement actions, EPA enforcement case history over the last five years, history of chemical releases, and TRI data.

• On-line Error Reporting

- On-line ECSR users viewing the *Detailed Facility Report* can now submit data correction requests online. All requests will be routed into EPA's Office of Environmental Information (OEI) error correction process.
- OEI will use the list of EPA regional enforcement and compliance data stewards as the responsible officials for examining and correcting data errors.
- Users who report errors have the option of requesting notification from EPA about the status of the error submission.
- A complete list of state and EPA data stewards, including their phone number and e-mail addresses is available from the OTIS home page by clicking on the View Data Stewards button located on the left side of the page margin among the various user option buttons.

More Information?

Further instructions for using the new On-line ECSR can be found in the link (*About this Search Tool*) located at the top of the home page. If you have any questions or comments about the new On-line ECSR please e-mail Richard Satterfield at satterfield.richard@epa.gov. Questions or comments pertaining to OTIS or access problems during registration should be directed to kane.rebecca@epa.gov.